

PPJ 2019 Fleet Letter #8 - Fatu Hiva/ Bond Letters Required /Fuel Limitation/ Rendezvous

Ahoy Puddle Jumpers,

This is a very exciting time within the PPJ's annual calendar, as the majority of this year's fleet has either arrived in the islands or is underway and will arrive shortly — as is the case with our own boat, *Little Wing*. We hope you've all had, or are having, a splendid crossing!

Please take a few minutes to review the following info:

FATU HIVA

As most of you know, it is illegal to visit Fatu Hiva prior to clearing in at either Hiva Oa or Nuku Hiva. Nevertheless, every year a number of boats make their first landfall there. Enforcement of the rules seems to vary wildly from season to season and even month to month. But you should know that in recent years several boats were given substantial fines for visiting Fatu Hiva first (as high as \$2,000 USD). So use your own judgement.

BOND LETTERS REQUIRED FOR LONG STAY VISA HOLDERS

We have been notified from Tehani of Tahiti Crew that: "Now there is a new chief of the gendarmes and they decide to reinstate the same procedures being enforced in Hiva Oa which means that all puddle jumpers with a long stay visa will need a bond letter on entry to FP. Therefore, PPJ'ers will have to purchase a duo package instead of a long stay package which didn't have bond letter".

DUTY FREE FUEL LIMITATION DURING APRIL

Reiterating the info sent in an earlier email... From April 9 until the 27th, the station at Nuka Hiva will limit the diesel for sailboats to 150 liters per boat.

TAHITI-MOOREA SAILING RENDEZVOUS, June 21-23

Anyone who's participated in the annual Rendez-vous will probably tell you that this three-day event was one of the highlights of their South Pacific travels.

The event's dual purpose is to celebrate the arrival of the cruising fleet while introducing foreign sailors to French Polynesia's highly revered cultural traditions in music, dance, sport and cuisine. Among the highlights are six-person outrigger canoe races during which cruisers team up with local Polynesian paddlers. For details and registration, see <https://www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com/>

Thanks, and safe travels,

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